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COMPUTER NETWORK IN VILLAGES
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Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government has formulated any scheme to provide extensive computer network connectivity to the villages in the country;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) the details of progress made so far in this regard; and
- (d) the time by which all the villages in the country are likely to be provided with computer network?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE FOR COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY(JYOTIRADITYA M. SCINDIA)

- (a): The Government has approved a Scheme for providing support for establishing 100,000 broadband, Internet enabled, Common Service Centres (CSCs) in rural areas of the country. The Scheme has been approved at a total cost of Rs. 5742 crores over 4 years, of which the Government of India is estimated to contribute Rs. 856 crore and the State Governments Rs. 793 crores. The balance resources would be mobilized from the private sector.
- (b): The Scheme is being implemented in a Public Private Partnership. These Centres would be opened in the ratio of 1CSC for every 6 Census villages in a State. These Centres would provide a mix of Government and private Services in rural areas. The Centres once established would provide better communication facilities to citizens in rural areas.
- (c): The details of the Progress made in the implementation of the Scheme may be seen at Annexure.
- (d): There is no proposal for setting up of CSC`s in every village & hence no date for the same can be provided.